| Company | Average No. of contractor workers |
|---|---|
| Mahanadi Coalfields Limited | 7000 |
| Northern Coalfields Limited | 5500 |

(d) Coal companies are already implementing schemes for the welfare of their employees and their families which include facilities like housing, water supply, medical care, sports & games, cultural activities etc. Welfare Boards consisting of representatives of the management and trade unions are functioning at apex level at CIL to oversee the activities at company's level.

**Delegation of powers by C.I.L.**

1803. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited proposes to delegate its powers to its subsidiaries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what will be the role of C.I.L. thereafter;

(d) whether the C.I.L. proposes to give permission for sale of the mines to the manufacturing sector;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Questions do not arise.